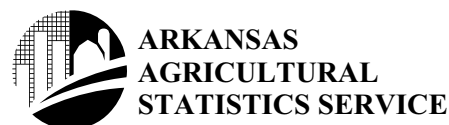


ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

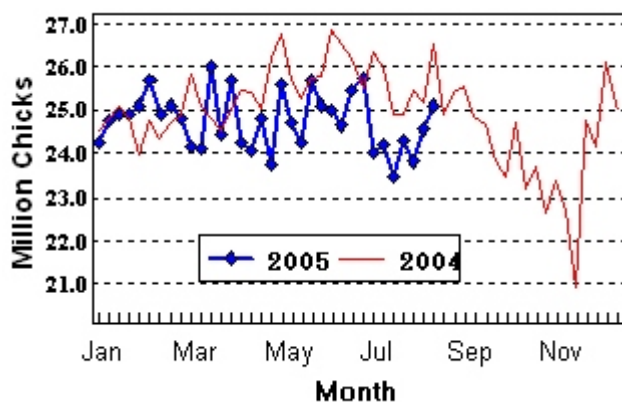
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 25.1 million during the week ending August 20, 2005. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through August 20, 2005 were 841.7 million, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.7 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

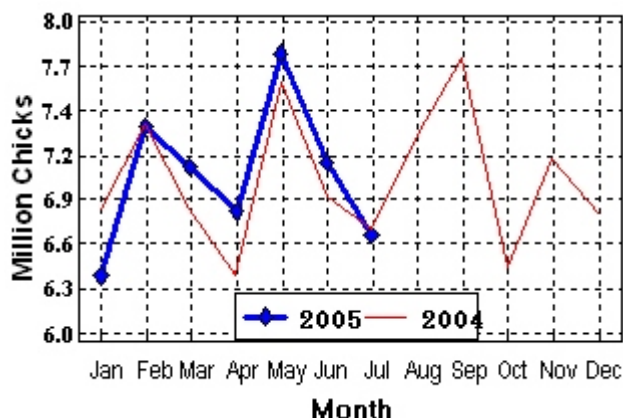
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 20, 2005, down 6 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.7 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2005, down slightly from July 2004.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2004- 2005



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Jul. 16	25,933	24,228	93
Jul. 23	24,888	23,493	94
Jul. 30	24,929	24,315	98
Aug. 6	25,439	23,813	94
Aug. 13	25,208	24,555	97
Aug. 20	26,539	25,084	95

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2004	2005	
	1,000		
Feb.	7,340	7,325	100
Mar.	6,815	7,077	104
Apr.	6,402	6,800	106
May	7,590	7,783	103
Jun.	6,890	7,109	103
Jul.	6,688	6,657	100

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	30-Jul	06-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug		16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul	06-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	
Alabama	31,627 *	31,350	31,532	31,132	103	21,383	21,943	21,683	22,250	21,274	21,529	101
ARKANSAS	31,178	30,929	29,854 *	30,050	94	24,228	23,493	24,315	23,813	24,555	25,084	95
Delaware	4,060	3,956	3,940	3,938	104	6,395	4,781	5,629	6,216	5,998	6,431	131
Florida	1,383	1,381	1,382	1,287	95	1,489	1,445	1,586	1,488	1,635	1,511	103
Georgia	33,130	33,402	34,107	34,871	103	27,282	25,969	27,496	27,134	27,746	26,589	99
Kentucky	7,085	7,149	7,101	6,842	97	5,814	5,818	5,983	6,077	6,271 *	6,103	96
Louisiana	4,135	4,135	4,135	4,120	105	4,055	4,120	4,118	4,167	4,053	3,936	106
Maryland	8,878	8,963	8,731	8,889	100	4,830	6,075	5,216	4,920	5,327	4,502	74
Mississippi	18,970	18,794	18,998	18,906	96	17,350	17,459	17,394	17,385	17,466	17,240	100
N. Carolina	18,461 *	18,454	18,339 *	18,142	99	15,103	14,258	14,422	15,101	15,162 *	15,168	104
Oklahoma	6,622	6,638	6,643	6,588	99	5,600	5,121	3,868	4,804	5,100	4,906	100
Pennsylvania	4,131 *	3,989 *	4,107 *	4,220	106	2,984	2,820	3,109 *	3,025 *	3,360 *	3,108	108
S. Carolina	5,050	5,060	5,198	5,110	133	4,544	4,467	3,854	4,291	4,007 *	4,721	101
Texas	15,085	14,233	13,830 *	15,001	98	12,889	12,310	12,893	12,785	12,724	12,595	99
Virginia	6,333	6,408	6,274	6,270	95	5,218	5,225	5,707	5,136	5,019 *	5,466	105
CA,MO,TN,WV	18,424	18,425 *	17,652 *	18,366	103	16,446 *	17,096	16,944 *	17,482 *	16,355 *	16,685	99
Total 2005	214,552 *	213,266 *	211,823 *	213,732		175,610 *	172,400	174,217 *	176,074 *	176,052 *	175,574	
Total 2004	214,939	213,074	213,309	212,926		176,174	173,185	174,183	175,954	175,391	176,170	
%Prev. Year	100	100	99	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						03-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 214 million eggs during the week ending August 20, 2005. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 20, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through August 20, 2005 were 5.81 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.